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SUBJ: OMANI CLAIM TO TERRITORY IN RAS AL KHAIMAH

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DURING A GENERAL CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY
EVENING OF NOVEMBER 10, I ASKED ABOUT OMANI CLAIMS TO TERRI-
TORY IN RAS AL KHAIMAH AND GOI REACTION IN VIEW OF TIS CLOSE
RELATIONS WITH OMAN. KHALATBARY SAID THAT THERE WERE "A LOT
OF DIFFERENT BRITISH-DRAWN MAPS DEFINING TERRITORY IN THAT
PART OF THE WORLD" AND IT WAS HARD TO KNOW WHICH WAS THE
MORE AUTHENTIC. IN ANY EVENT, NOBODY MUCH CARED UNTIL RECENT
OIL DRILLINGS IN THE AREA SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF
IMPORTANT PETROLEUM RESERVES. IRAN HAD NO INTENTION OF
GETTING IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS DISPUTE AND THOUGHT IT BEST

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THAT THE MATTER BE LEFT TO THE ARABS TO SORT OUT AMONGST
THEMSELVES. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT SHAIKH ZAYID
WAS HERE RECENTLY HE ASKED FOR THE SHAH'S ADVICE. THE SHAH
COUNSELED NEGOTIATION AND UNDERTOOK TO SEND A MESSAGE TO
SULTAN QABOOS ASKING HIM TO WITHDRAW THE DEADLINE HE HAD
SET FOR RESOLUTION OF THE MATTER AND URGED HIM TO SOLVE
THE QUESTION AMICABLY THROUGH NEGOTIATION.

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